

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Amelia Lucille Vavra was born on October 7, 1915, at Yankton, South Dakota, one of five children born to Anton and Rose (Peterka) Vavra; and,

*Whereas*, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

*Whereas*, Amelia married Oscar Donald Toczek on May 2, 1933, in Yankton, South Dakota, and to this union four children were born: Donald, Delmar, Barbara and Patricia, who in turn presented them with eleven grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren; and,

*Whereas*, Amelia and Oscar farmed and ranched near Kyle, South Dakota, for many years, owned and operated a motel in Hot Springs, South Dakota, and managed a motel in Cheyenne, Wyoming, several years until their retirement; and,

*Whereas*, Amelia has been very active in her church, and has enjoyed knitting, crocheting and gardening; and,

*Whereas*, Amelia will observe her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on August 6, 2005, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

*M. Michael Rounds*  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

*Ch. Nelson*  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State